

MARVEL

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AVENGERS ENFORCE



**SECRET
WARS**

SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD!

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF, AND THE BORDERS ARE NOT TO BE CROSSED!



SHE-HULK



MEDUSA



DAZZLER



CAPTAIN MARVEL



LOKI



NICO MINORU



????

SHE-HULK RALLIED A-FORCE, PROTECTORS OF ARCADIA, TO INVESTIGATE THE MONSTER ATTACK THAT CAUSED DOOM TO EXILE AMERICA CHAVEZ. THE TEAM TRACED THE DISTURBANCE TO A PORTAL, WHICH QUICKLY COLLAPSED.

SHE-HULK USED A SECOND PORTAL TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER DOMAIN AND INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE, BUT BY CROSSING DOOM'S BORDERS AND BREAKING THE LAW SHE BROUGHT THE WRATH OF THE THORS DOWN UPON ARCADIA. IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, MEDUSA GAVE HER LIFE TO BUY A-FORCE TIME TO FIND THE TRAITOR WHO OPENED THE PORTALS.

WITH THORS RAINING DOWN FROM THE SKY TO PLACE ARCADIA UNDER MARTIAL LAW, THE MEMBERS OF A-FORCE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ESCAPE INTO THE STARRY POCKET UNIVERSE CONTAINED INSIDE NICO'S MYSTERIOUS NEW FRIEND...

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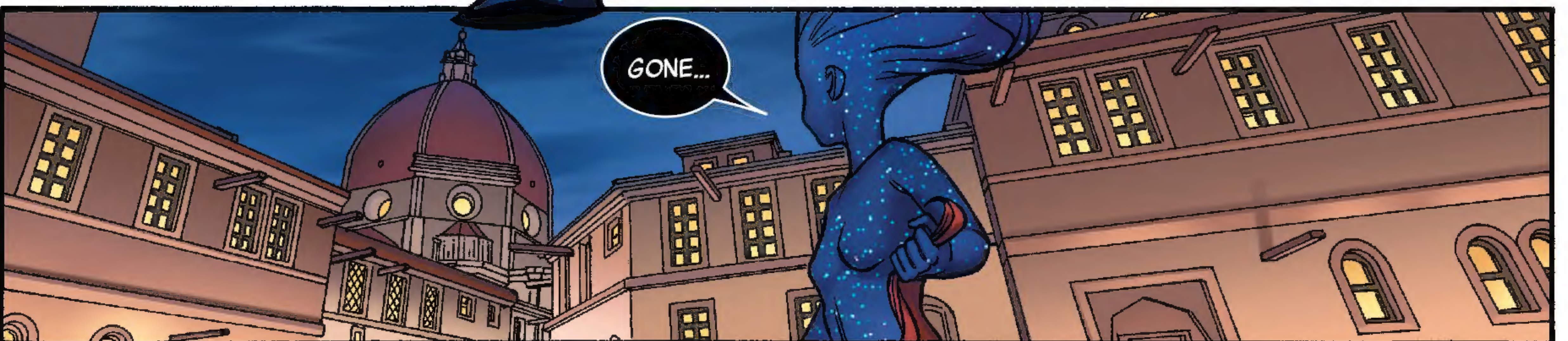
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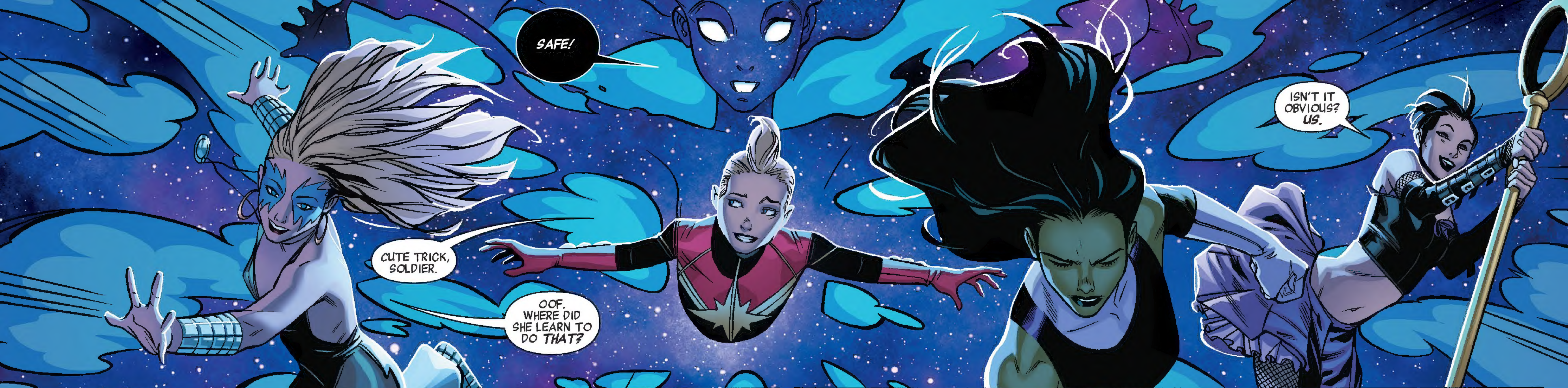
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THE ISLAND OF ARCADIA.



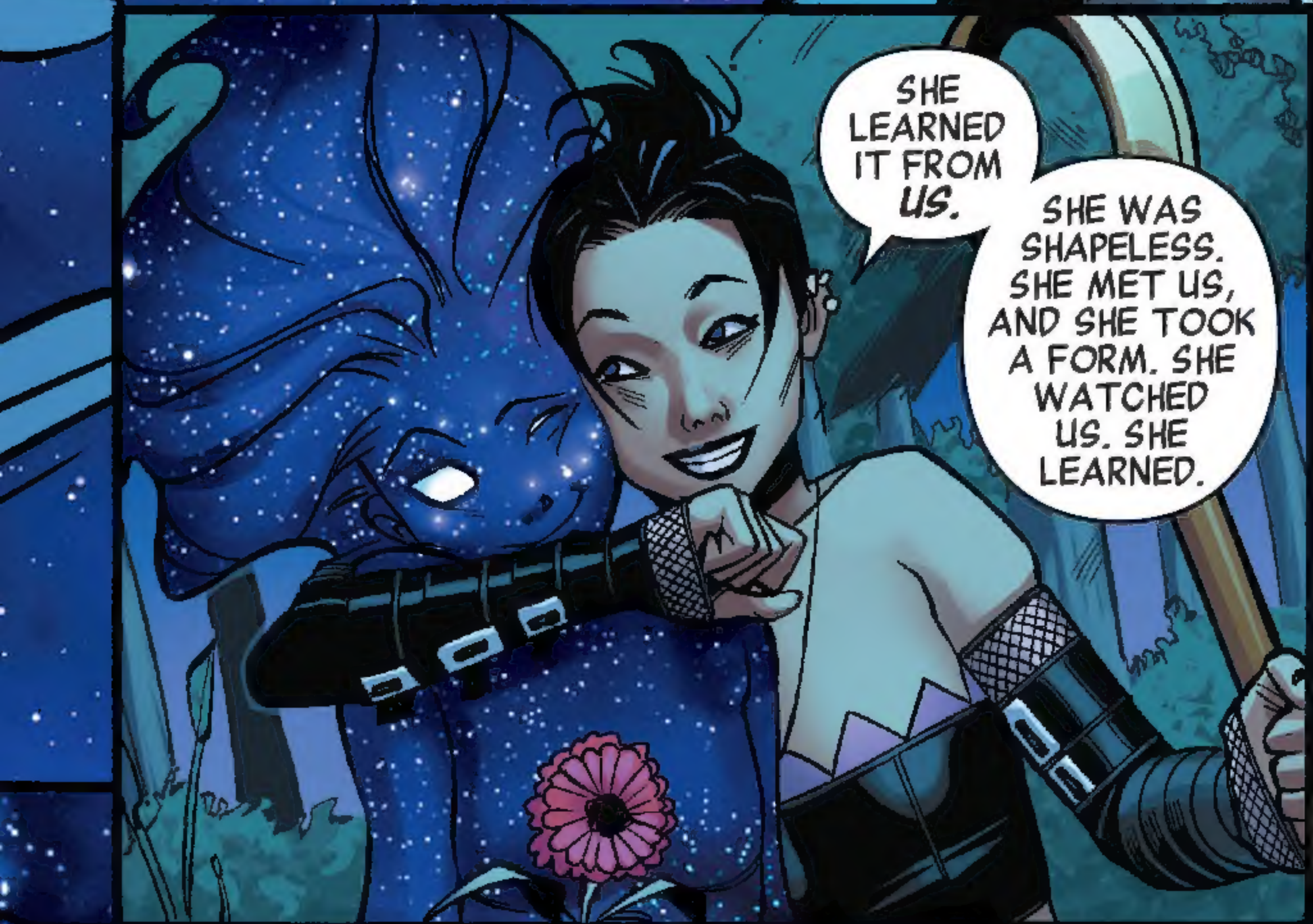


SAFE!

CUTE TRICK,
SOLDIER.

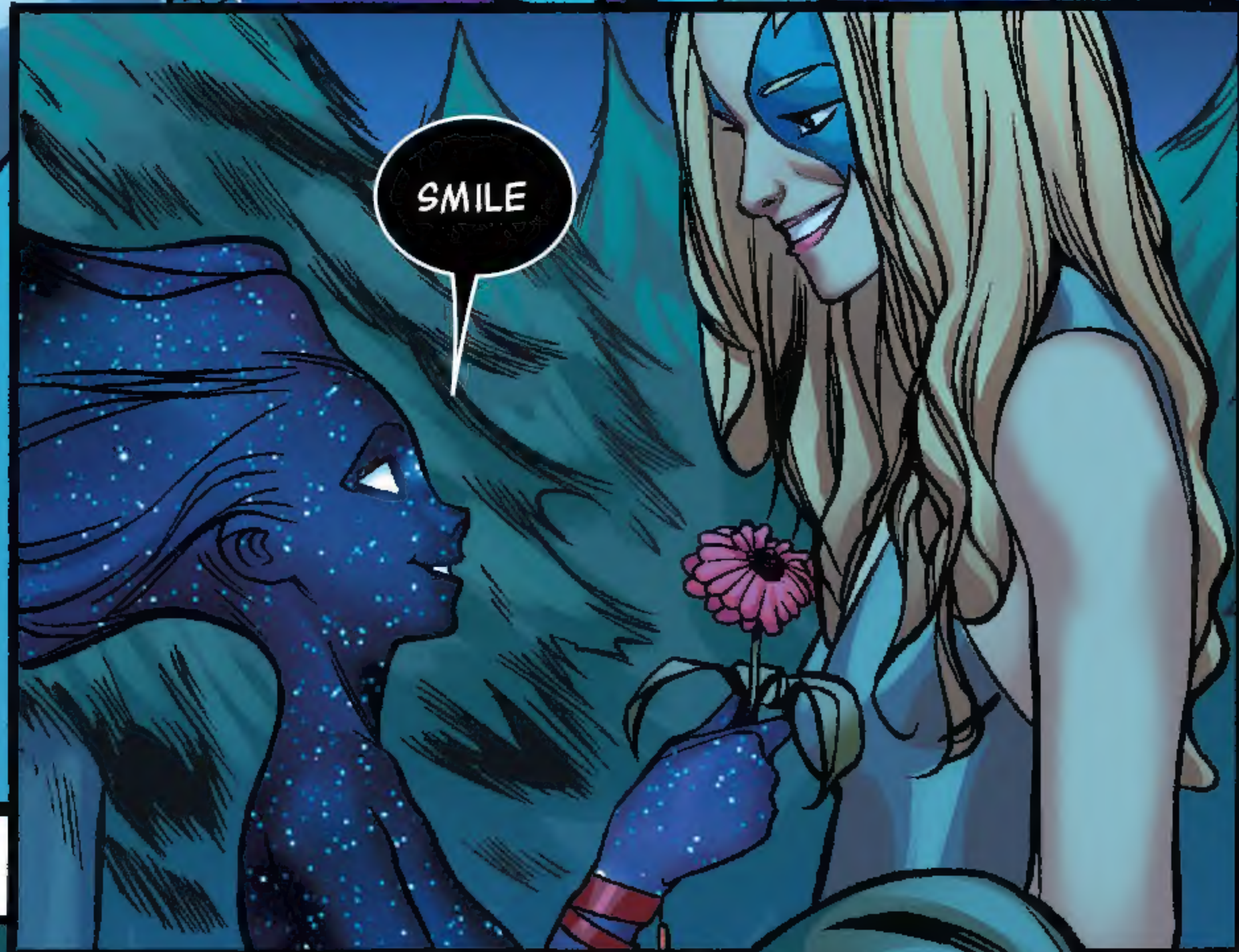
OOF.
WHERE DID
SHE LEARN TO
DO THAT?

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?
US.



SHE
LEARNED
IT FROM
US.

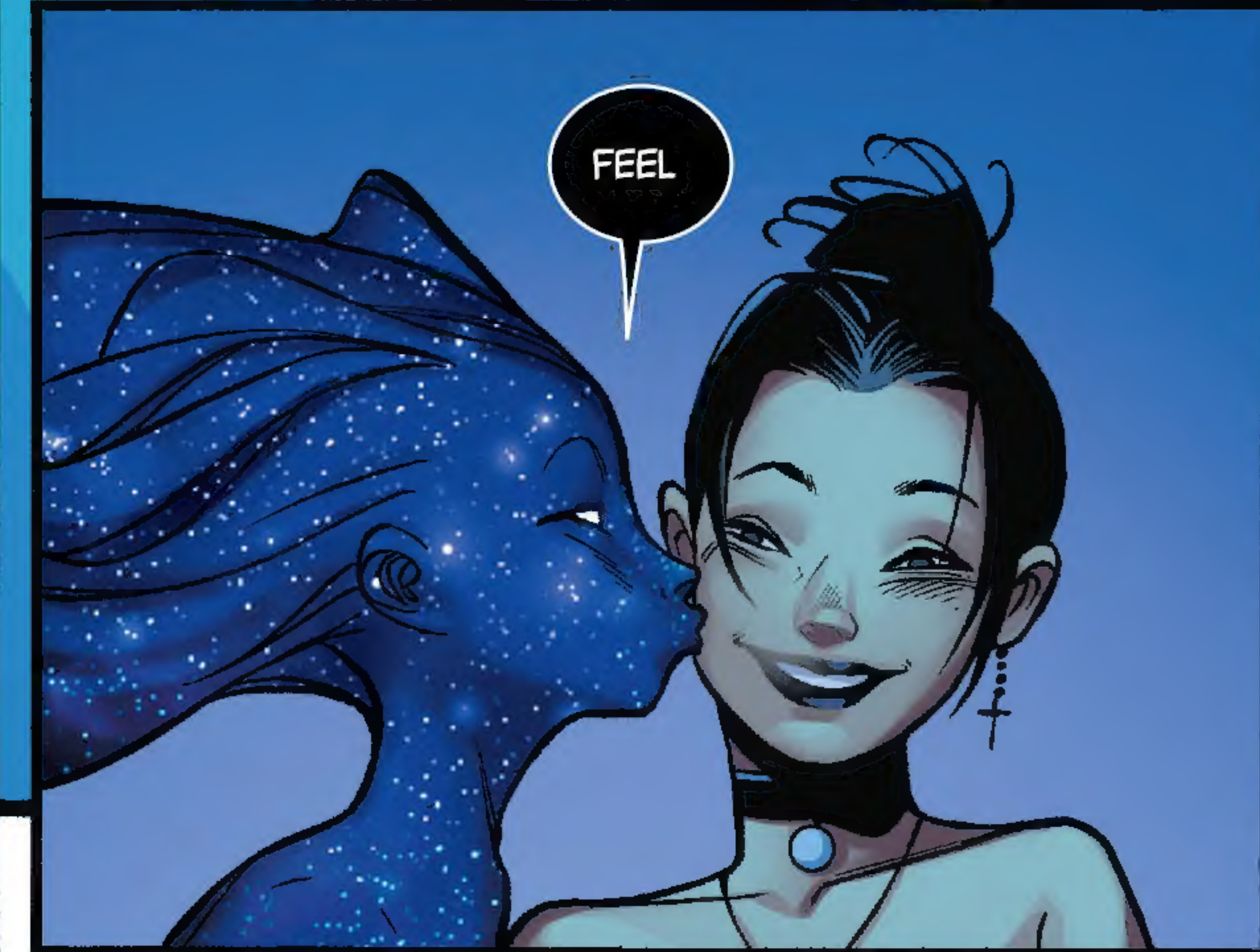
SHE WAS
SHAPELESS.
SHE MET US,
AND SHE TOOK
A FORM. SHE
WATCHED
US. SHE
LEARNED.



SMILE



FIGHT



FEEL



GIVE



AND
ME?

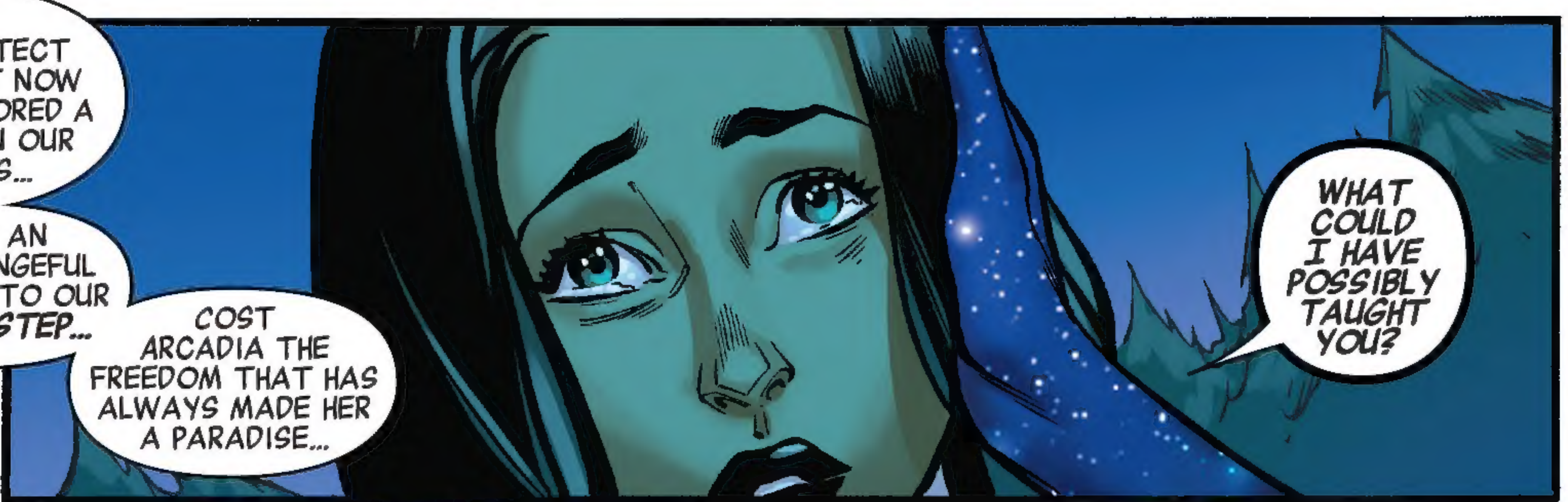


I WAS
MEANT TO PROTECT
OUR PEOPLE, BUT NOW
I'VE--I'VE HARBORED A
TRAITOR WITHIN OUR
OWN BORDERS...

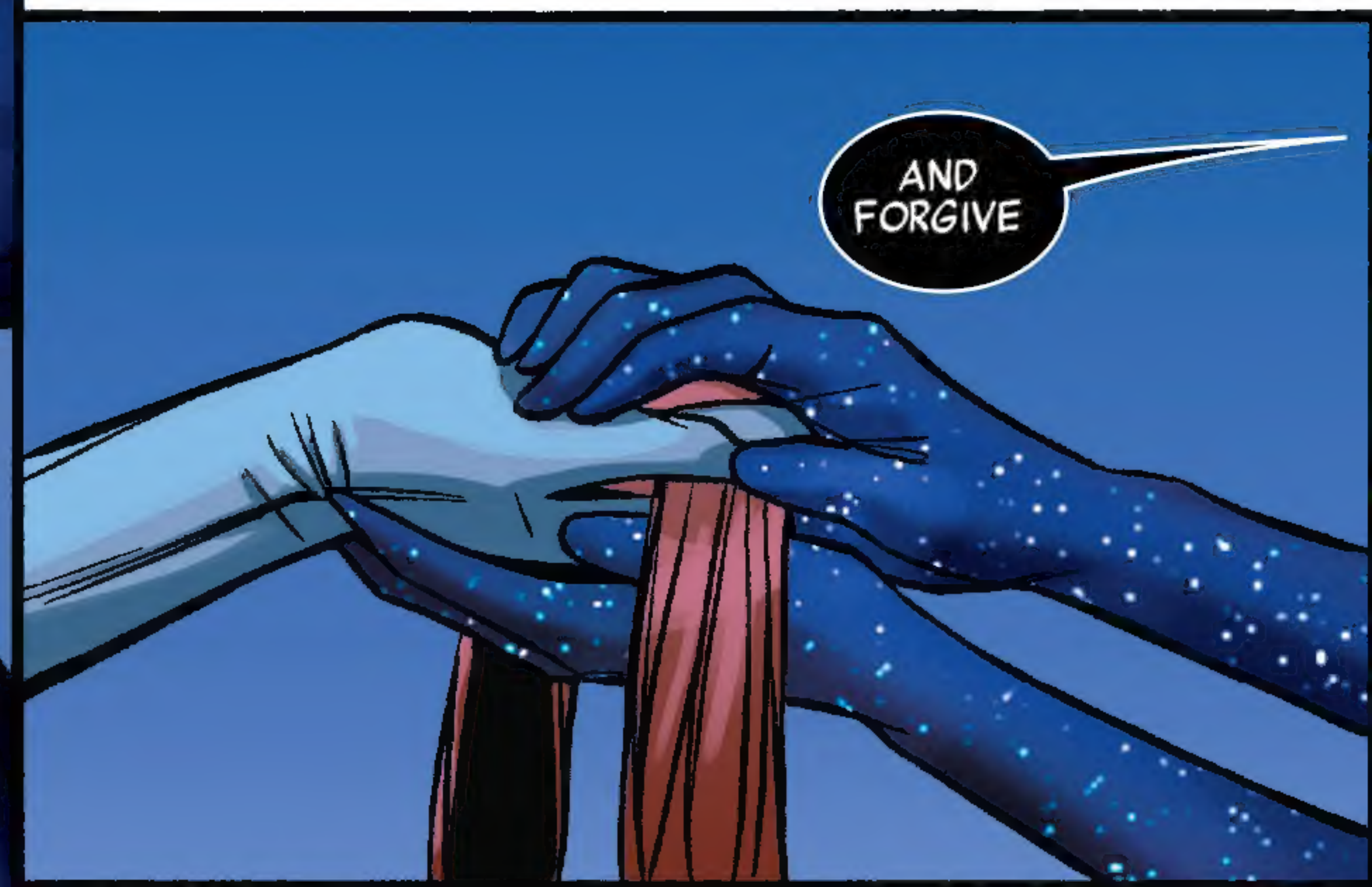
BROUGHT AN
ARMY OF VENGEFUL
THORS RIGHT TO OUR
VERY DOORSTEP...

COST
ARCADIA THE
FREEDOM THAT HAS
ALWAYS MADE HER
A PARADISE...

WHAT
COULD
I HAVE
POSSIBLY
TAUGHT
YOU?



GIVE...



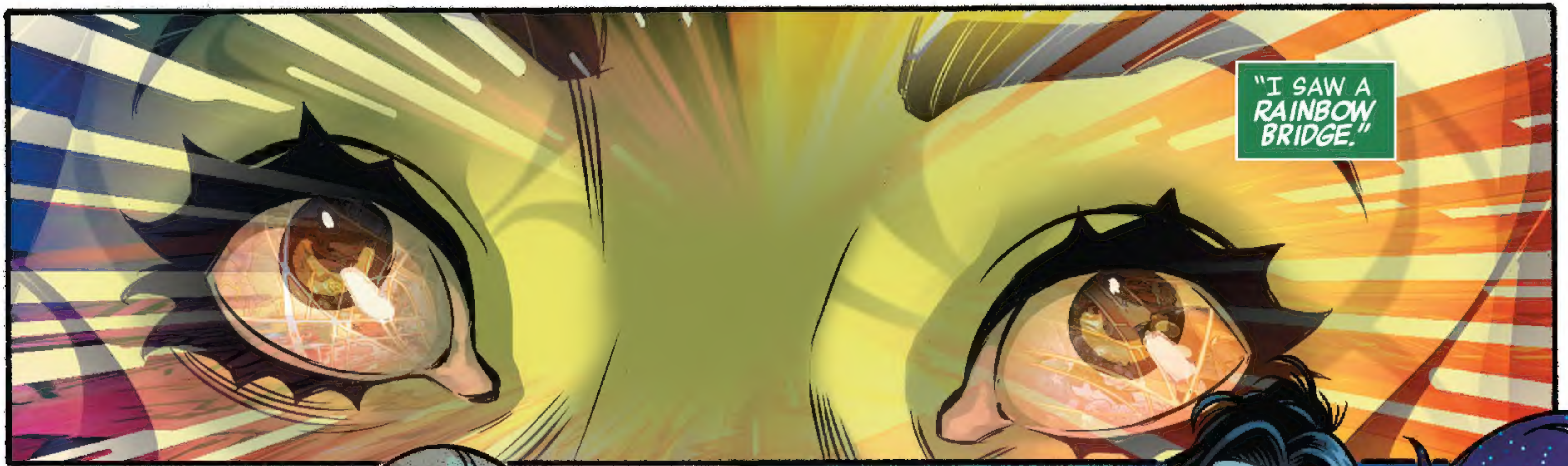
AND
FORGIVE



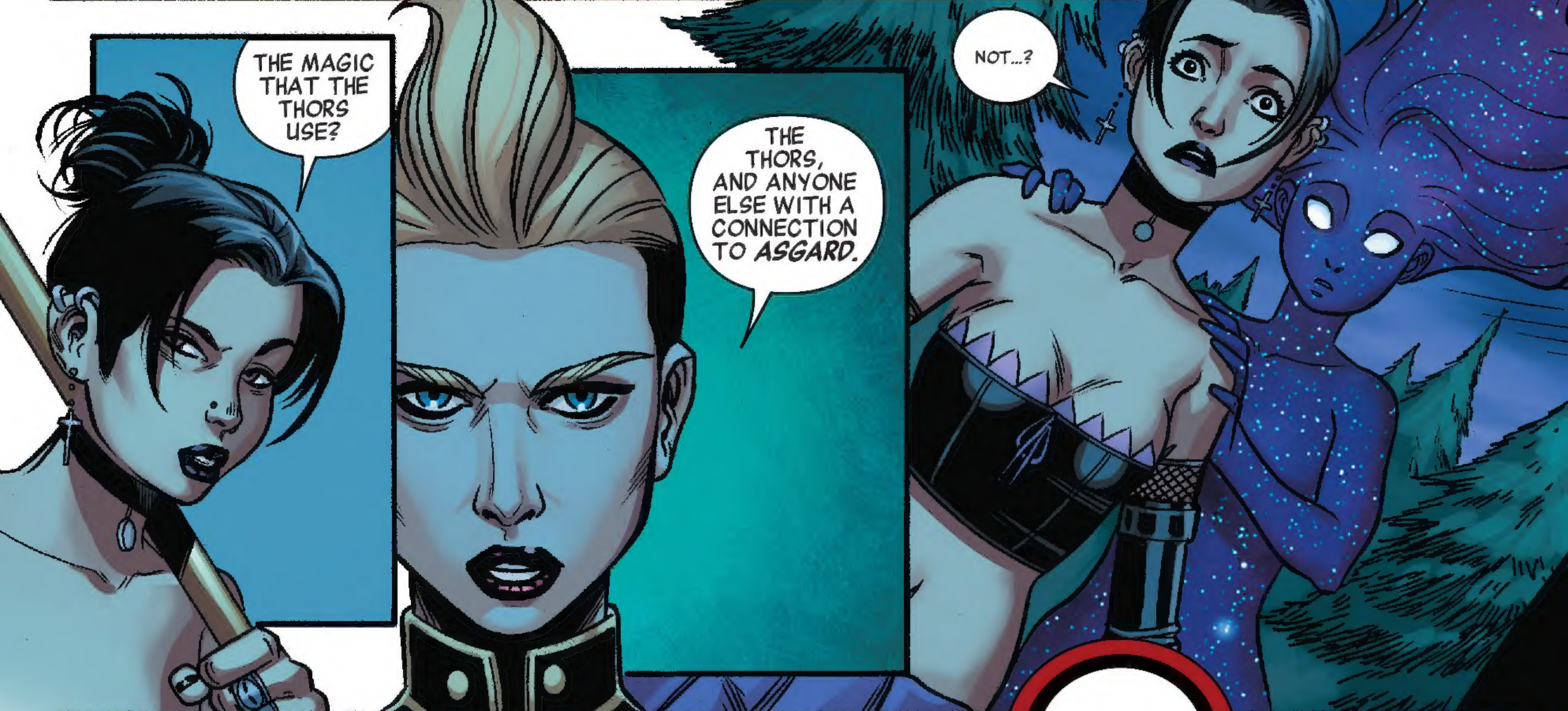
A-FORCE...A TRAITOR HAS QUITE LITERALLY **TORN HOLES** IN THE VERY **HEART** OF OUR ISLAND.

THESE PORTALS ARE GENERATED BY MAGIC--ARCADIAN MAGIC, YES, BUT FUELED BY SOMETHING MUCH OLDER. SOMETHING **UNSTABLE**, AS THE SUB-MARINERS LEARNED.

FUELED BY WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SEE, WHEN YOU TRAVELED THROUGH?



"I SAW A RAINBOW BRIDGE."



THE MAGIC THAT THE THORS USE?

THE THORS, AND ANYONE ELSE WITH A CONNECTION TO **ASGARD**.

NOT...?



NO.



A-FORCE
IS NO
MORE.

THEY ARE
DISBANDED.
OUTLAWED.

PEACE WILL
REIGN IN ARCADIA,
WHETHER BY THE
BEND OF THE KNEE
OR THE POINT OF
A SWORD.

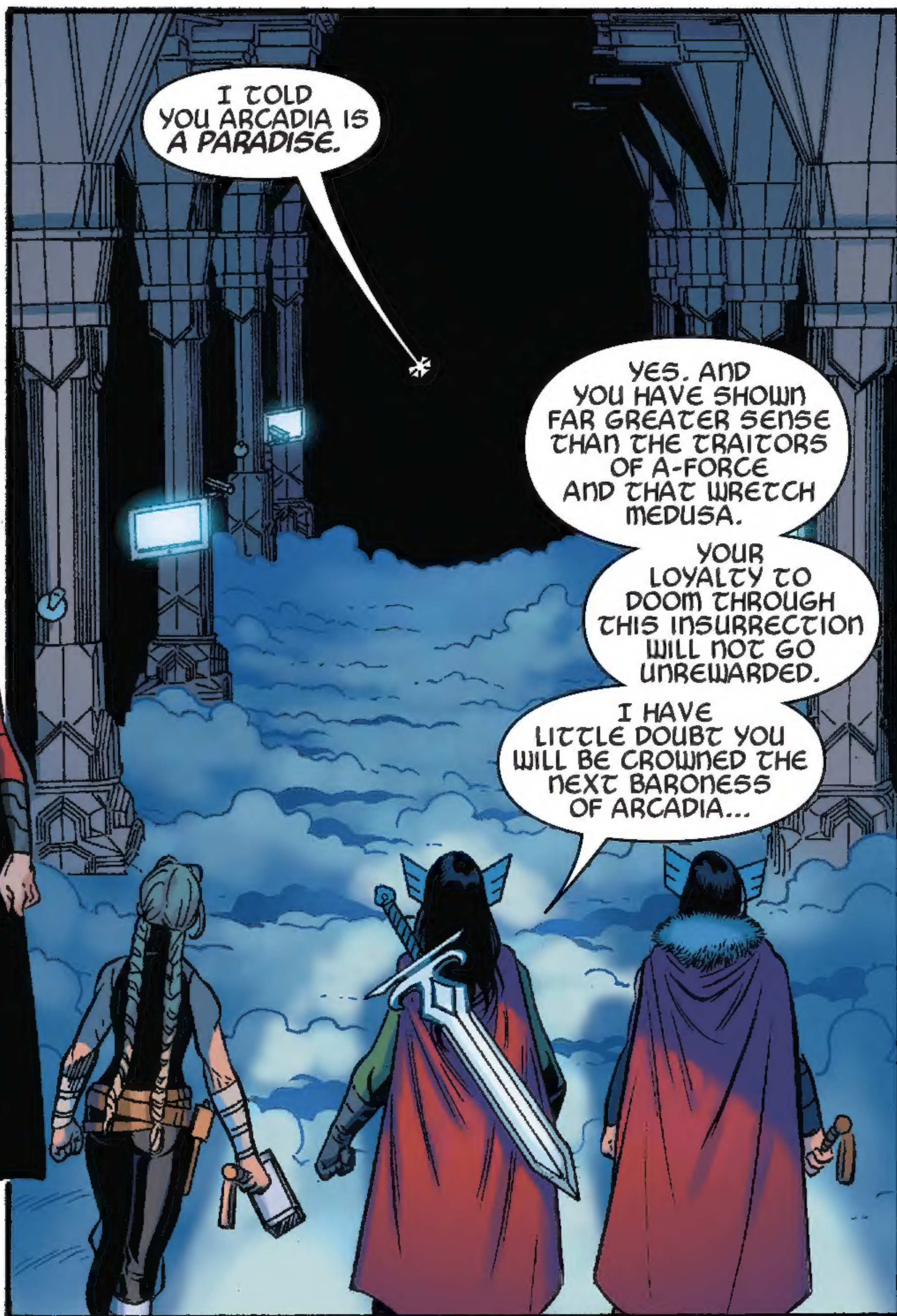
THE PLAZA OF ARCADIA.



HAS
SHE-HULK
BEEN FOUND,
VALKYRIE?



NO, GAMORA.
BUT SURELY IT'S
ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME.



I TOLD
YOU ARCADIA IS
A PARADISE.

YES. AND
YOU HAVE SHOWN
FAR GREATER SENSE
THAN THE TRAITORS
OF A-FORCE
AND THAT WRETCH
MEDUSA.

YOUR
LOYALTY TO
DOOM THROUGH
THIS INSURRECTION
WILL NOT GO
UNREWARDED.

I HAVE
LITTLE DOUBT YOU
WILL BE CROWNED THE
NEXT BARONESS
OF ARCADIA...

I'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
"QUEEN" HAD A
FAR SWEETER
RING TO IT.





BUT DO NOT SPEAK OF MEDUSA IN SUCH TERMS.

SHE AND I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN NATURAL ALLIES, FRIENDS, QUEENS...SHE WAS MISLED BY *SHE-HULK*, AND *SHE-HULK* IS TO BLAME FOR HER DEATH.

I DO NOT REJOICE IN HER LOSS.



I WILL TAKE THE THRONE OF ARCADIA--IF DOOM WILLS IT, OF COURSE. I INTEND FOR MEDUSA TO BE THE LAST CASUALTY ON OUR ISLAND.

I WILL SEE THAT NO MORE OF OUR PEOPLE ARE TAKEN FROM US, AND THAT ALL WE HOLD DEAR--

?



LADY LOKI? WHAT--?

THERE ARE NO STARS IN--

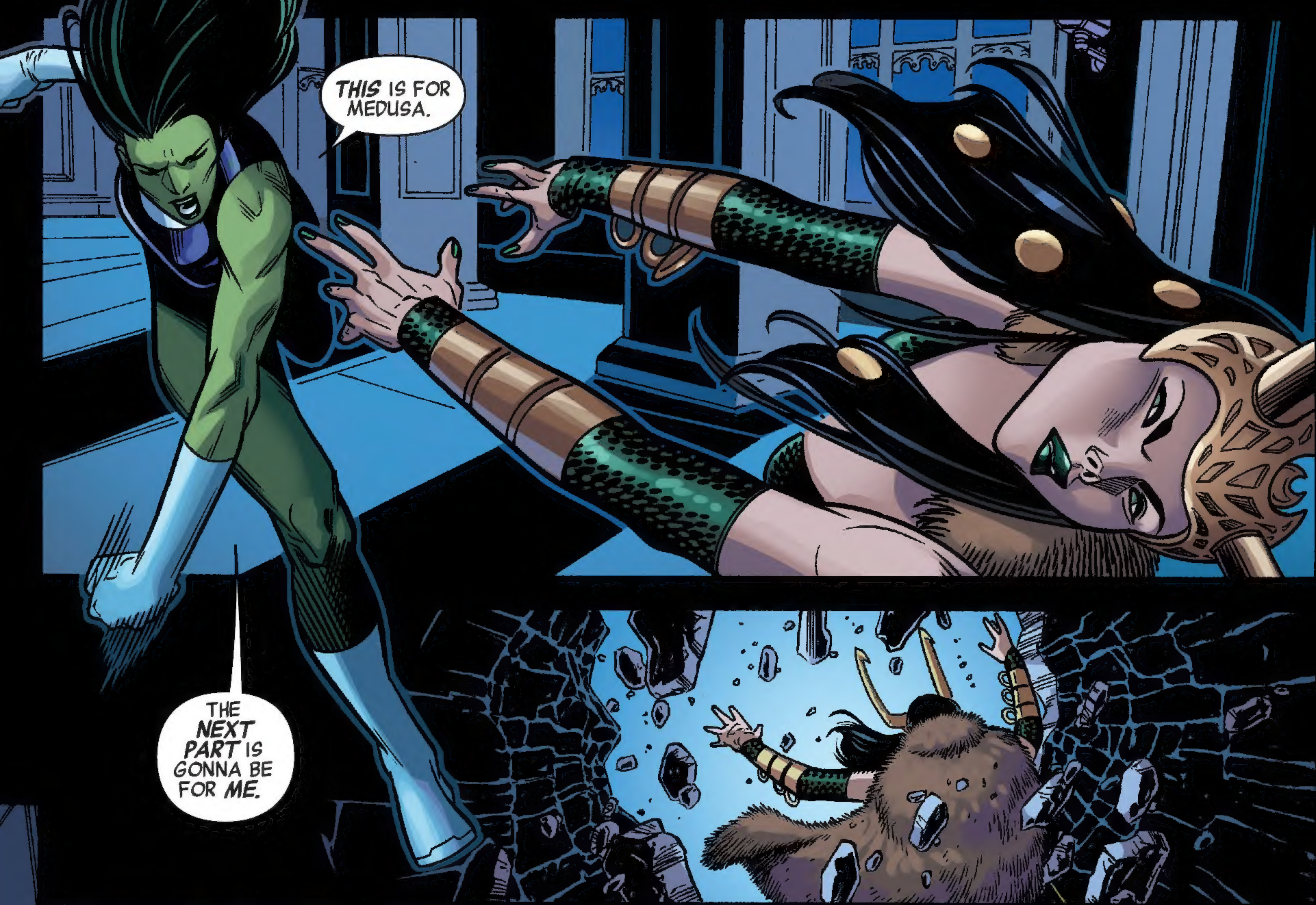


HELLO





OH, YOU'RE
GONNA SEE
MORE THAN
STARS,
LOKI!





I FOUND THE RAINBOW BRIDGE, LOKI.

THIS ENTIRE DISASTER--IT WAS YOUR DOING.

ALL THE YEARS OF PEACE WE'VE KNOWN! BUT YOU WOULD GAMBLE WITH ALL OF ARCADIA, WITH ALL OF OUR LIVES--FOR POWER.

DON'T YOU DARE SPEAK TO ME OF POWER.

YOU LET THEM TAKE AMERICA FROM US.

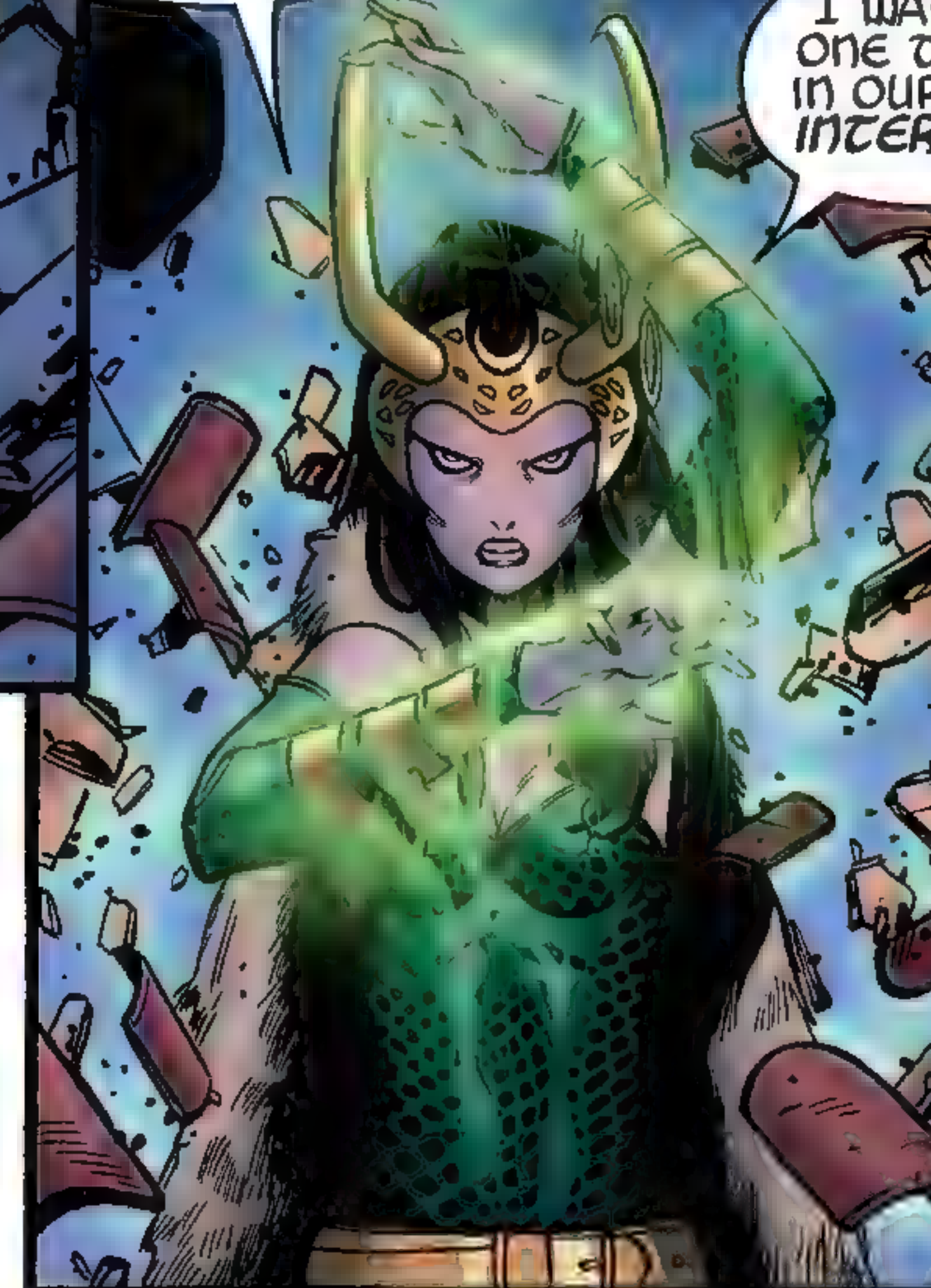
YOU WOULD JUST AS SOON USE YOUR POWER TO CONDEMN ONE OF YOUR OWN THAN PROTECT.

I WAS THE ONE TO ACT IN OUR BEST INTERESTS.

ARCADIA DESERVES A QUEEN WHO CAN APPEASE DOOM-- AND KEEP HER PEOPLE SAFE.

BUT YOU'RE SO AFRAID TO BREAK RULES THAT YOU'RE NEVER WILLING TO BEND THEM.

HRRRG!

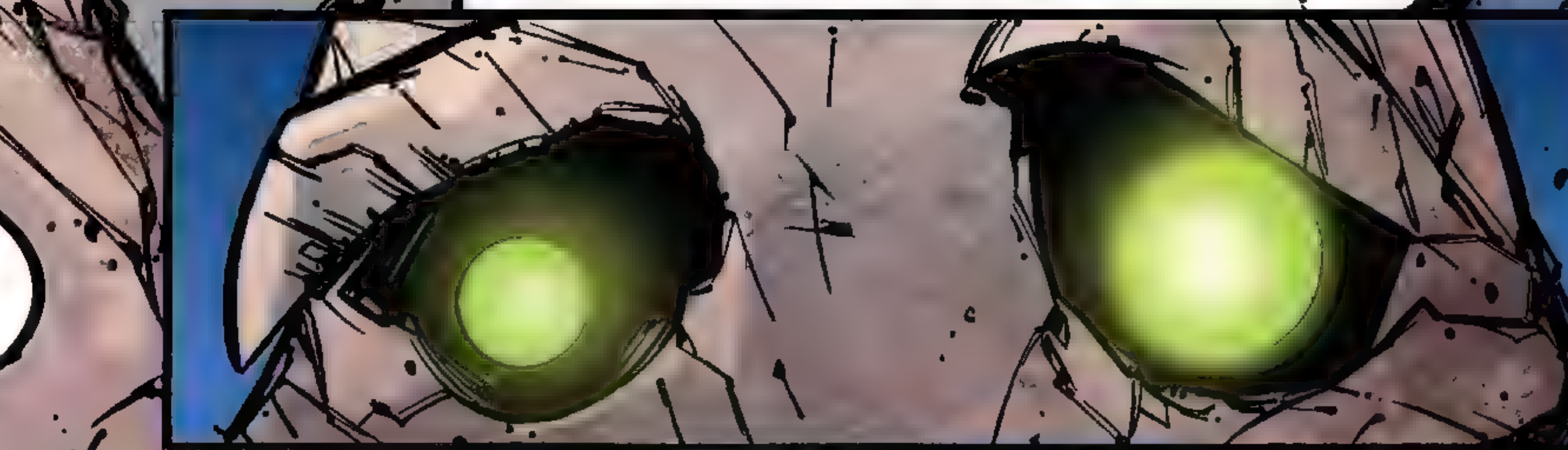
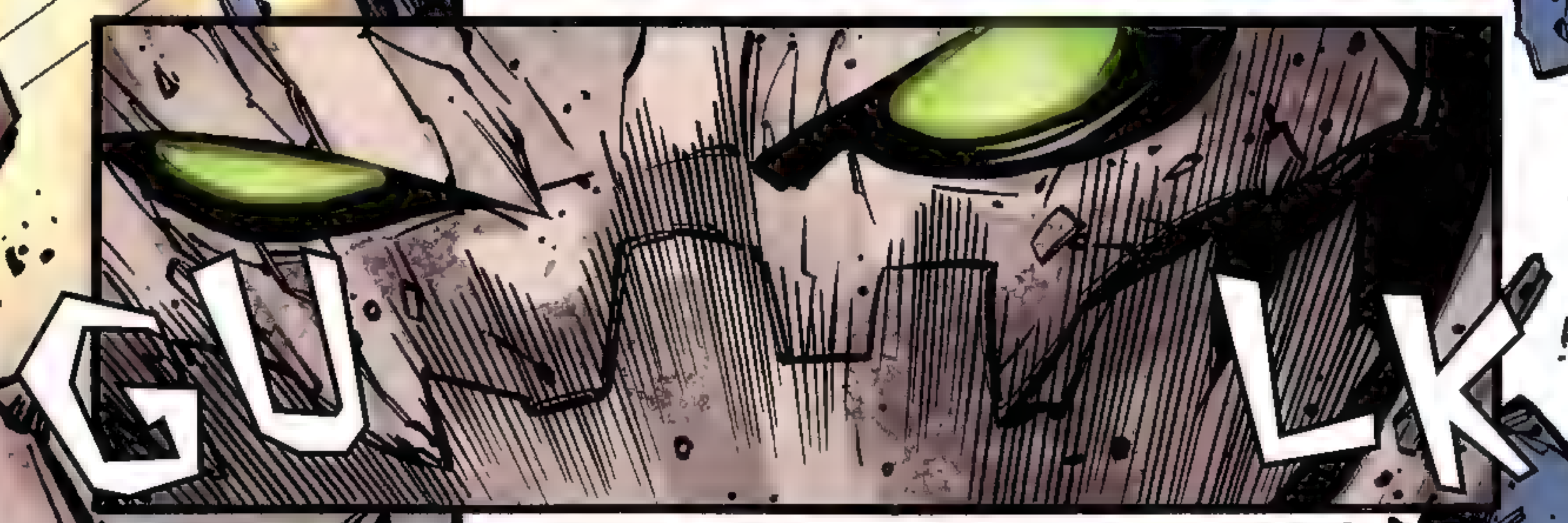


YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN BREAK QUITE NICELY.

YOU'LL NEVER LEARN, LOKI, NEVER CHANGE!

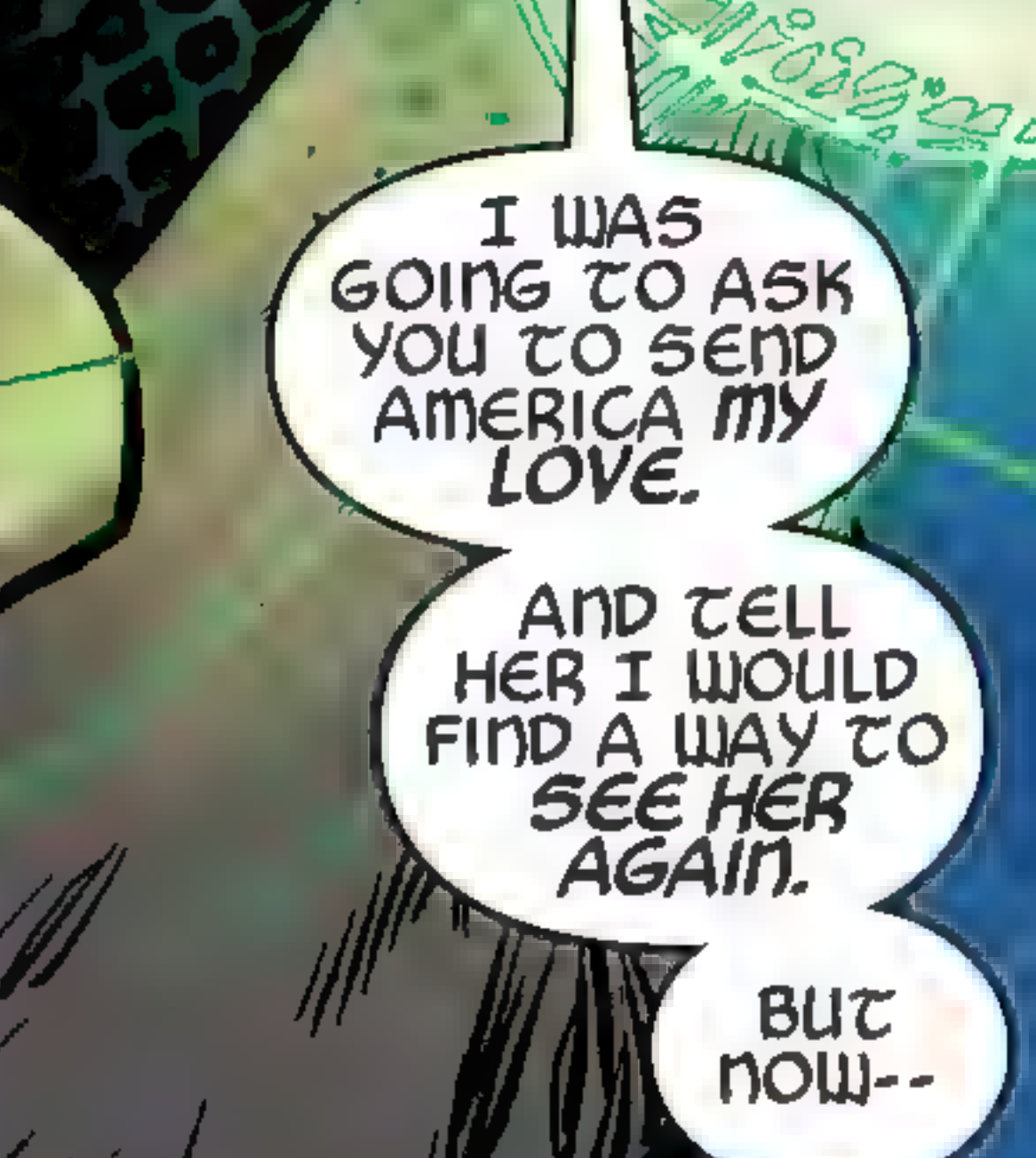
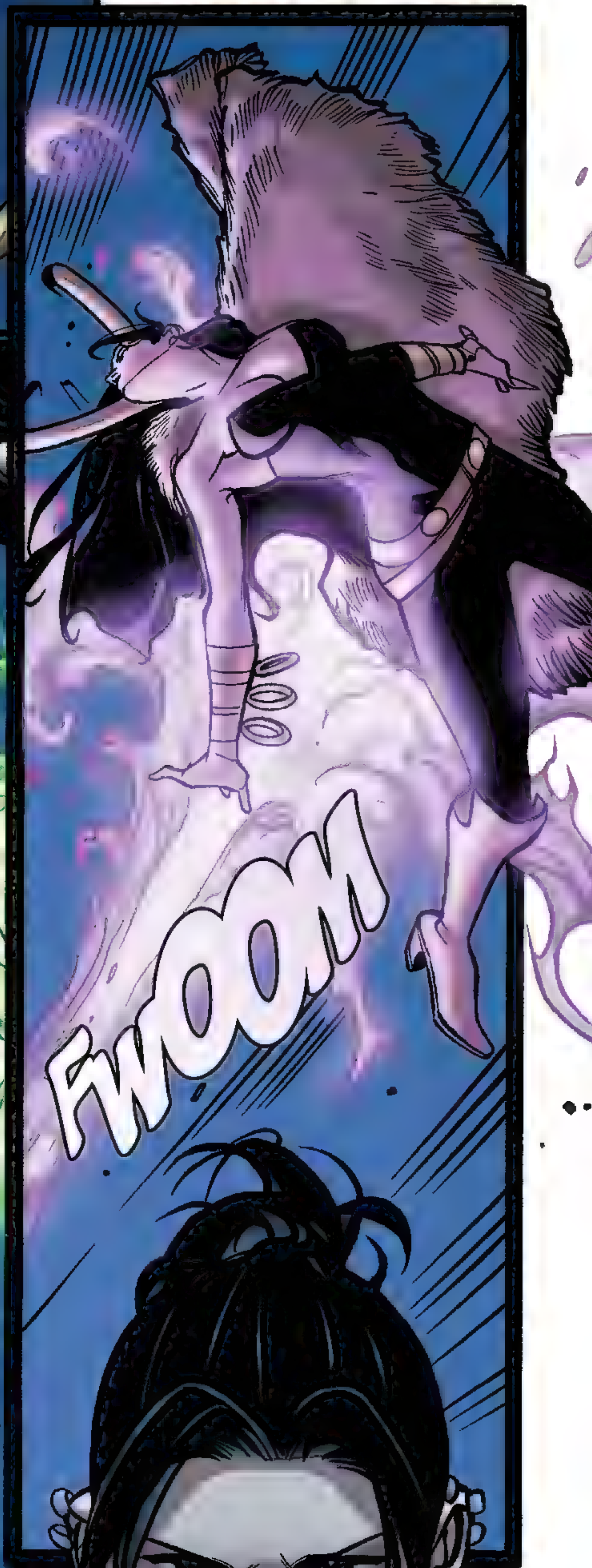
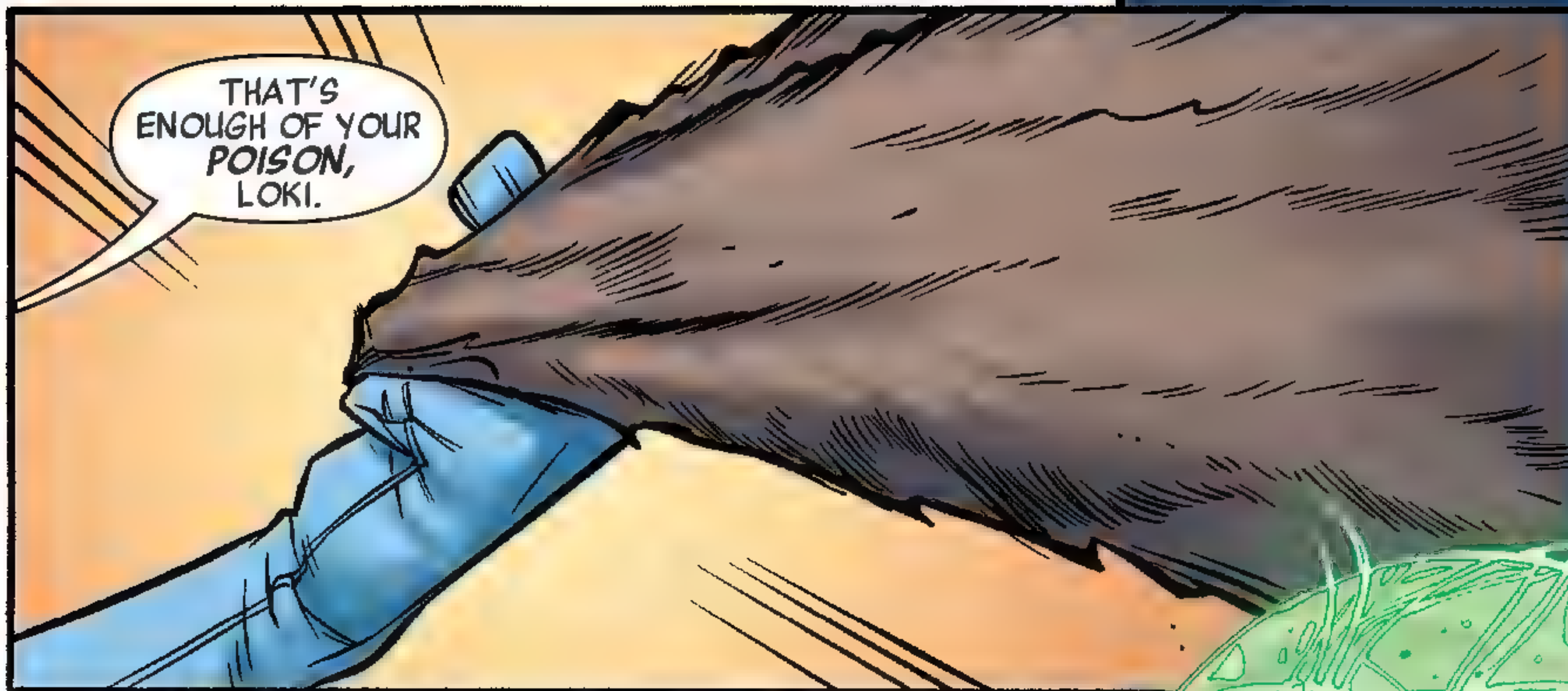
WHEN IT COMES TO POWER--

HRRRG!



--YOUR EYES ARE BIGGER THAN YOUR STOMACH!







NICO?!

NICO,
CHILD,
WHAT ARE
YOU--

YOU, YOU
DID THIS TO US.
YOU BROUGHT
DOOM DOWN
UPON US.



CHILD,
DON'T CRY.

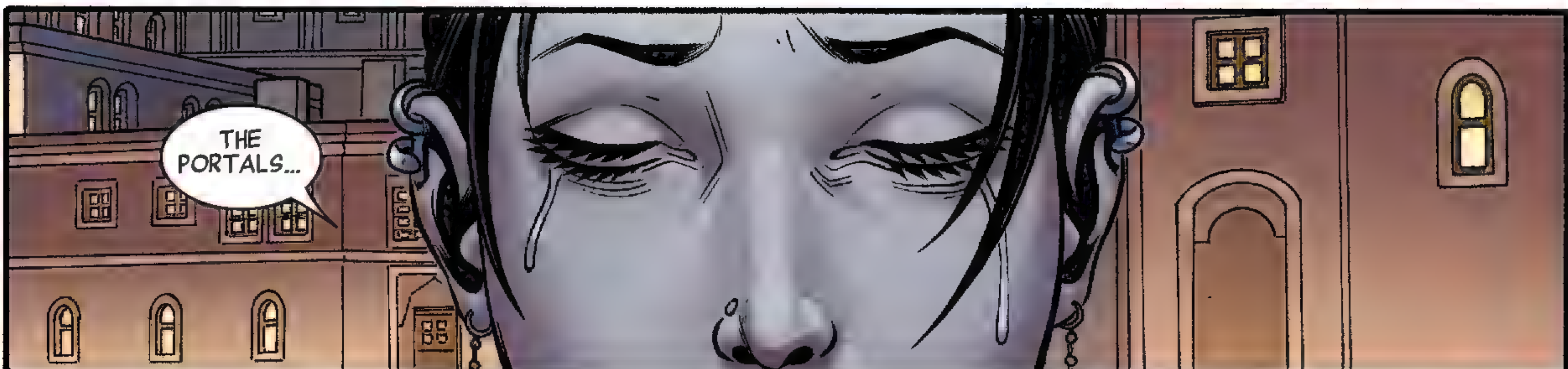
I DID
THIS FOR
YOU...FOR THE
GOOD OF OUR
PEOPLE...



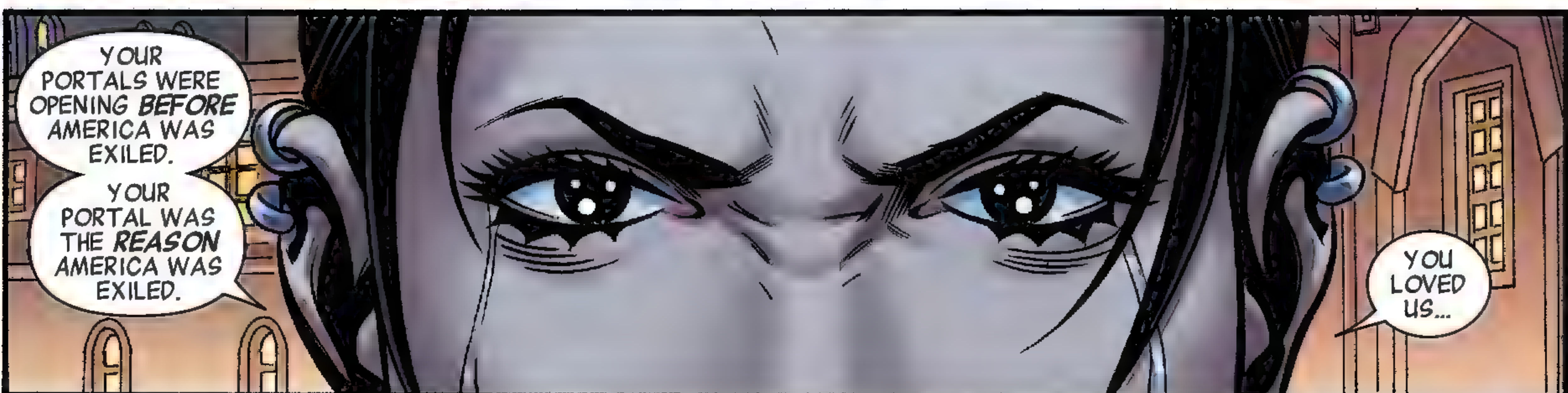
I CAN STILL
SAVE YOU. IT IS
TOO LATE FOR
SHE-HULK AND HER KIND,
BUT YOU, AND THE
ARCADIANS--

WHEN I AM
CROWNED, NICO,
YOU WILL BE
PRINCESS OF
THE ISLAND.

WE WILL
MAKE A **BETTER**
WORLD THAN WHAT
WE HAD--A PARADISE,
WHERE WE CAN DO AND
GO AND BE WHATEVER
WE PLEASE, WITH
DOOM **NEVER**
THE WISER.



THE
PORTALS...



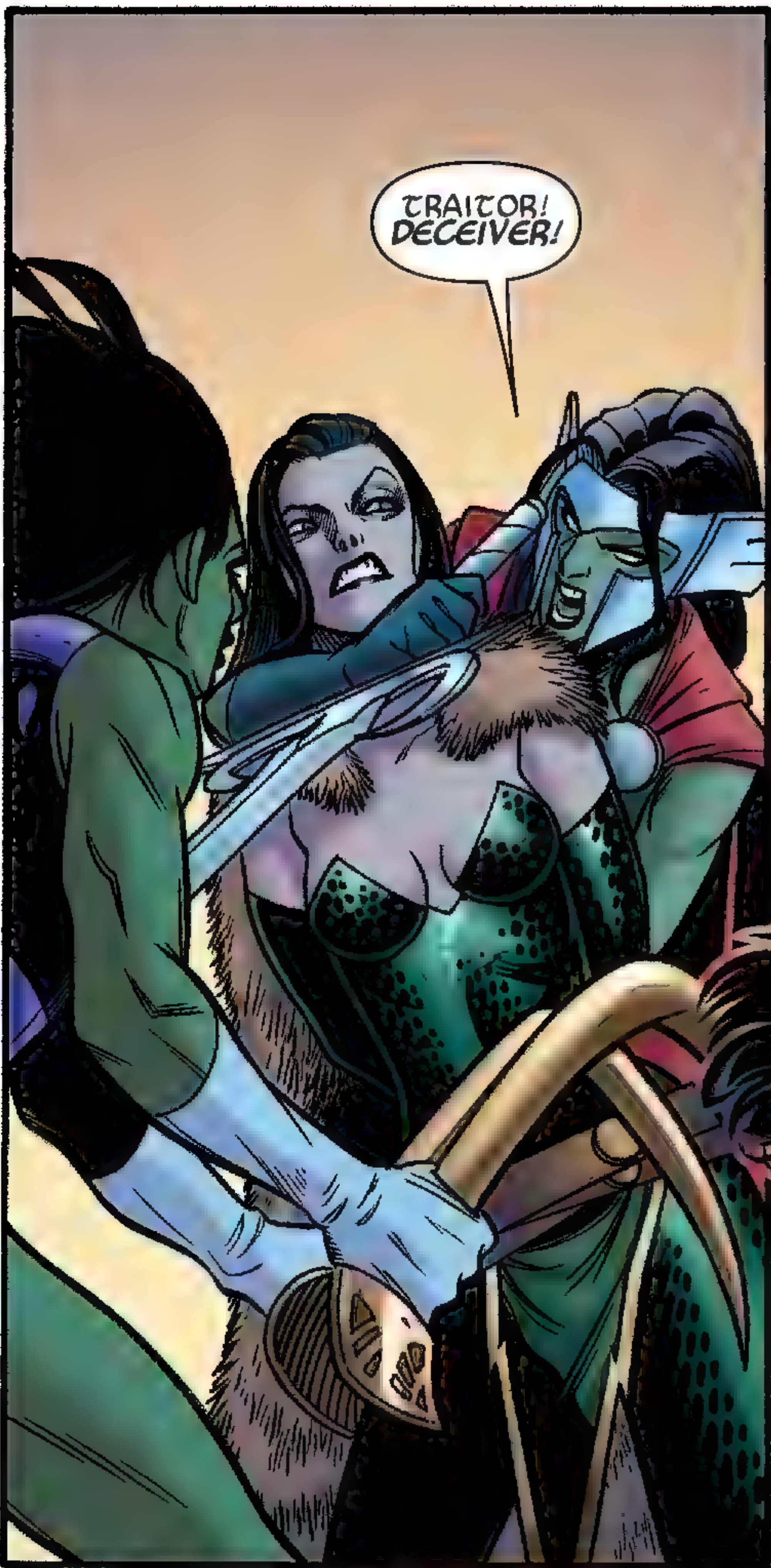
YOUR
PORTALS WERE
OPENING **BEFORE**
AMERICA WAS
EXILED.

YOUR
PORTAL WAS
THE **REASON**
AMERICA WAS
EXILED.

YOU
LOVED
US...



BUT YOU ALWAYS LOVED POWER MORE.



TRAITOR! DECEIVER!



JERK.

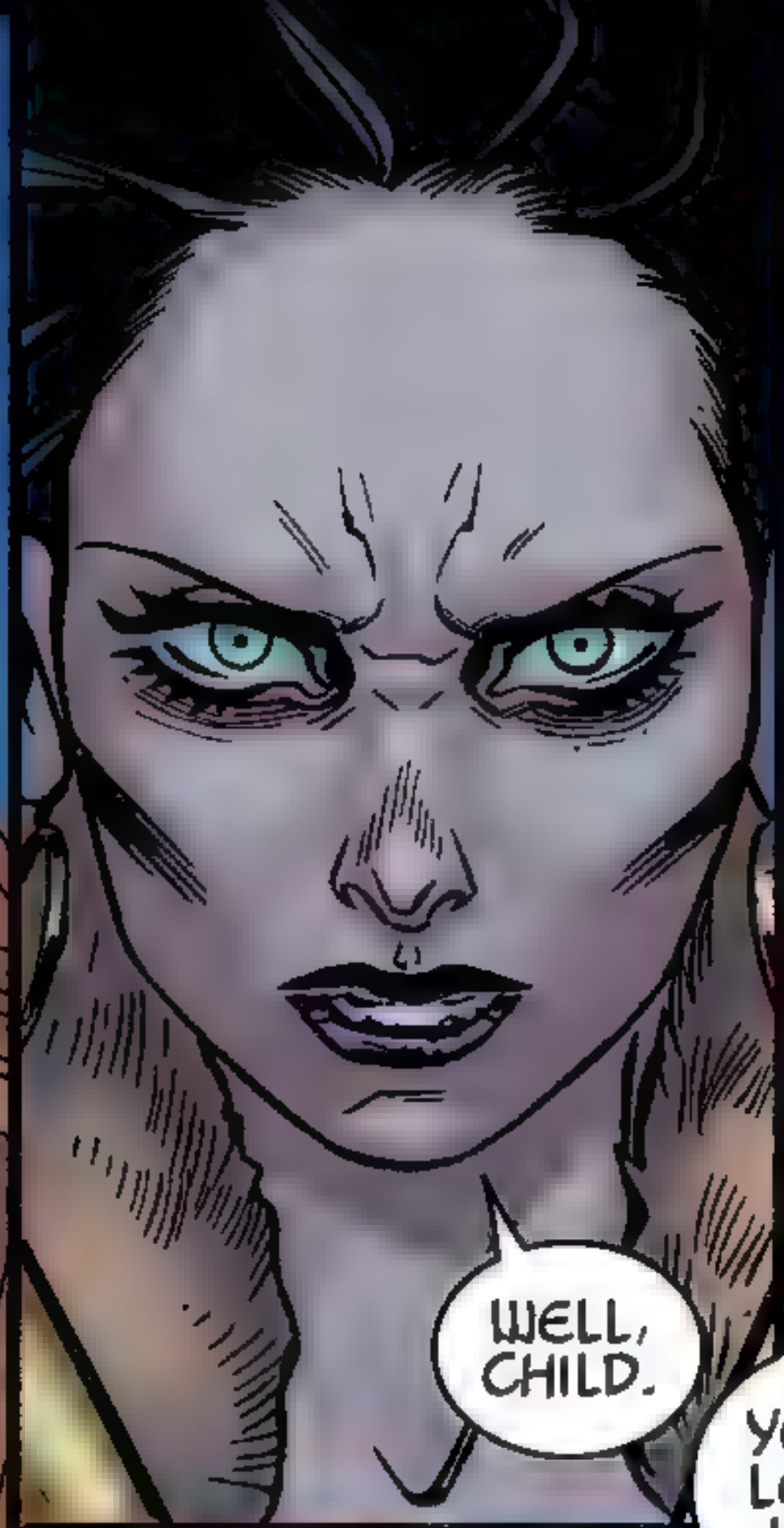
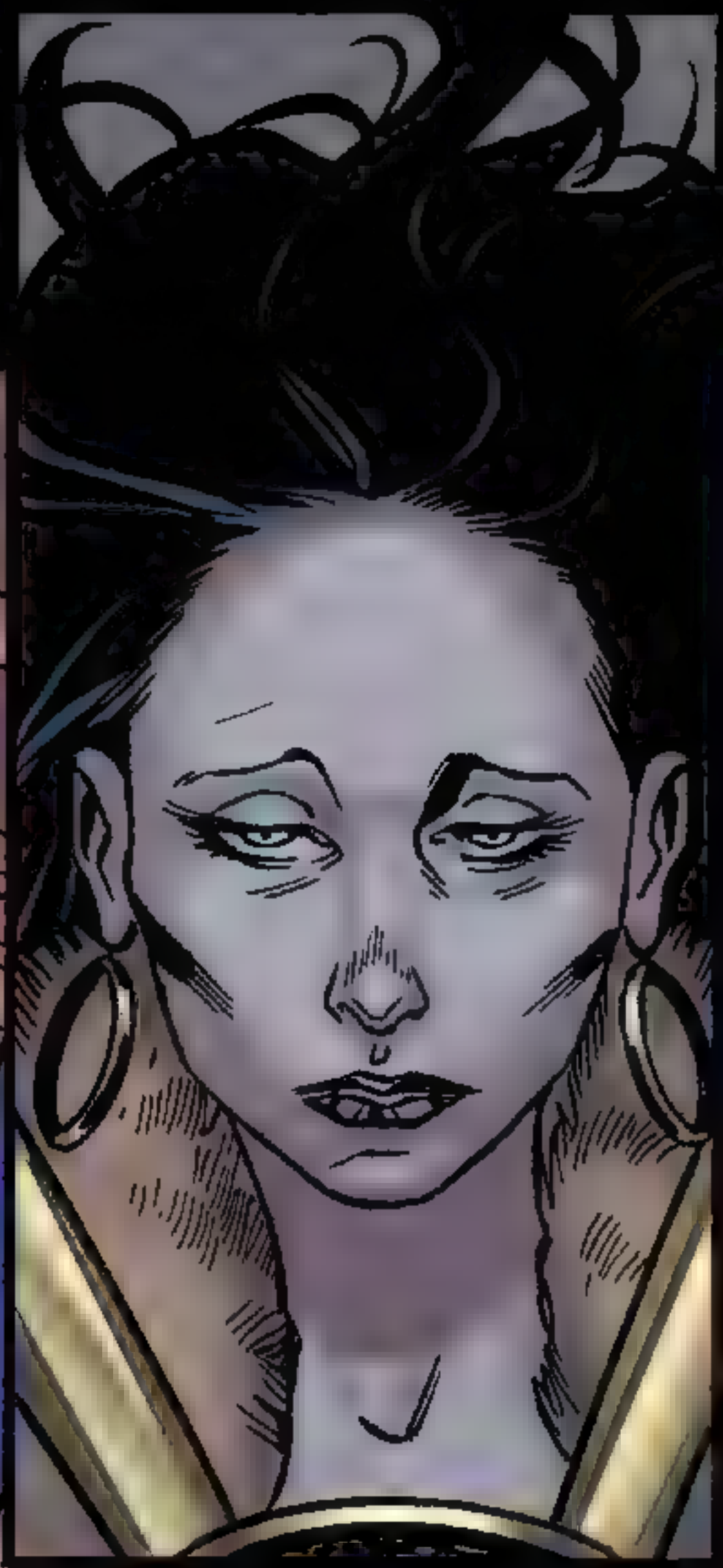
YOU WILL NEVER RULE THE ISLAND.

YOU LOST AMERICA.

YOU LOST ARCADIA.

AND YOU LOST ME.

SHOCK



WELL,
CHILD.

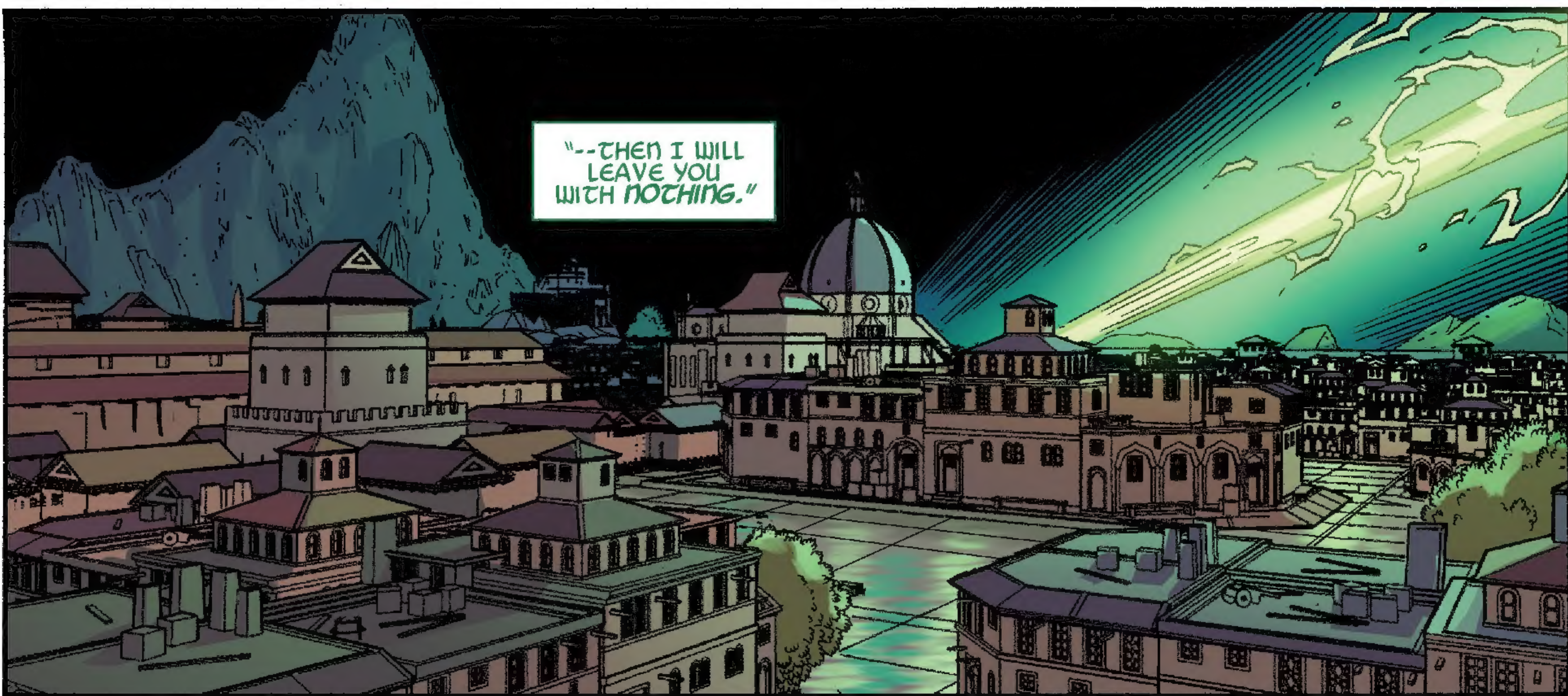
I TOLD
YOUR PRECIOUS
LEADER THAT I
WOULD WAGER
ARCADIA--

--THAT I
WOULD SOONER
SEE US ALL FREE
OF HER BLIND,
OBEDIENT RULE,
OR ALL DEAD.

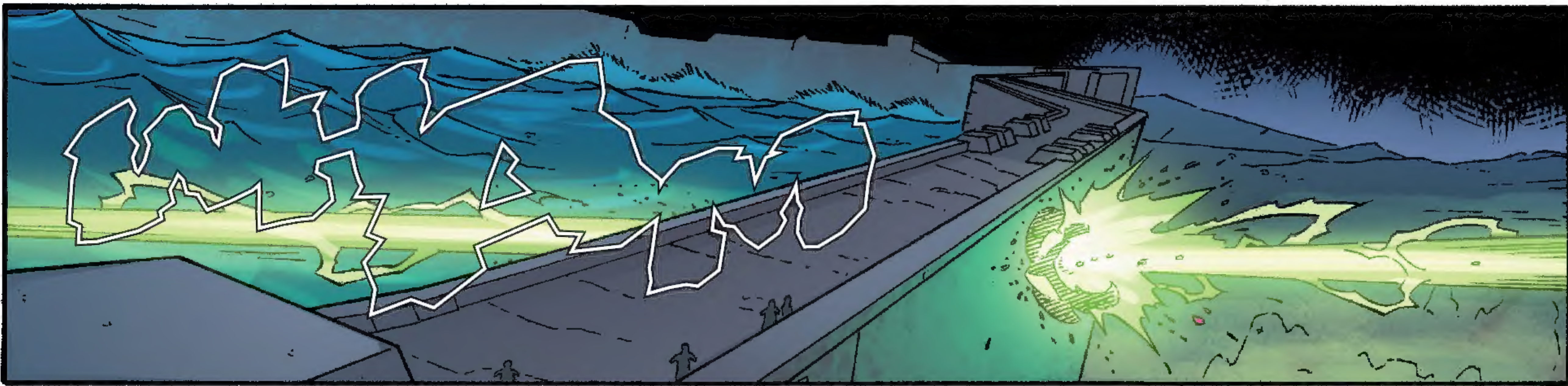


IF I
CANNOT HAVE
YOU ALL--

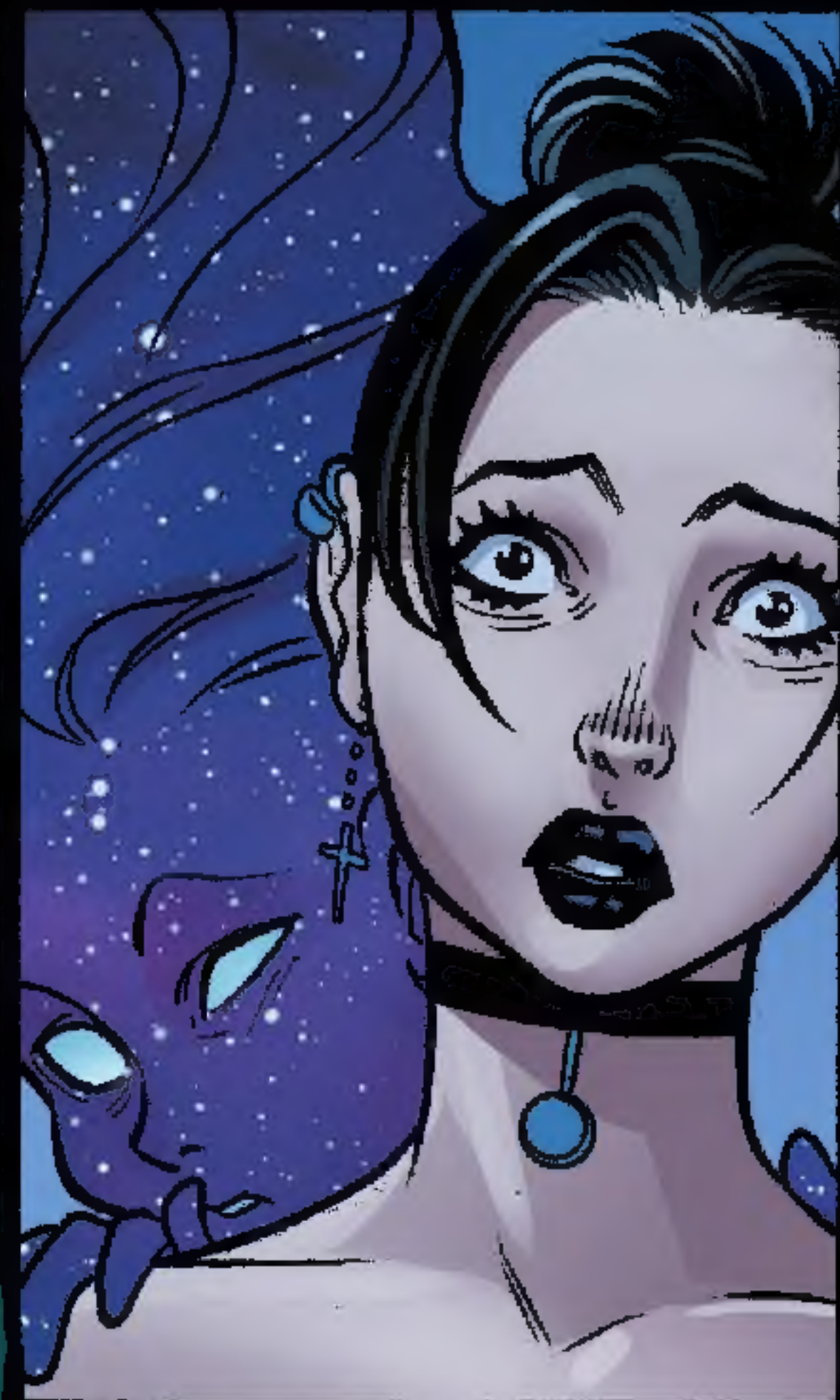
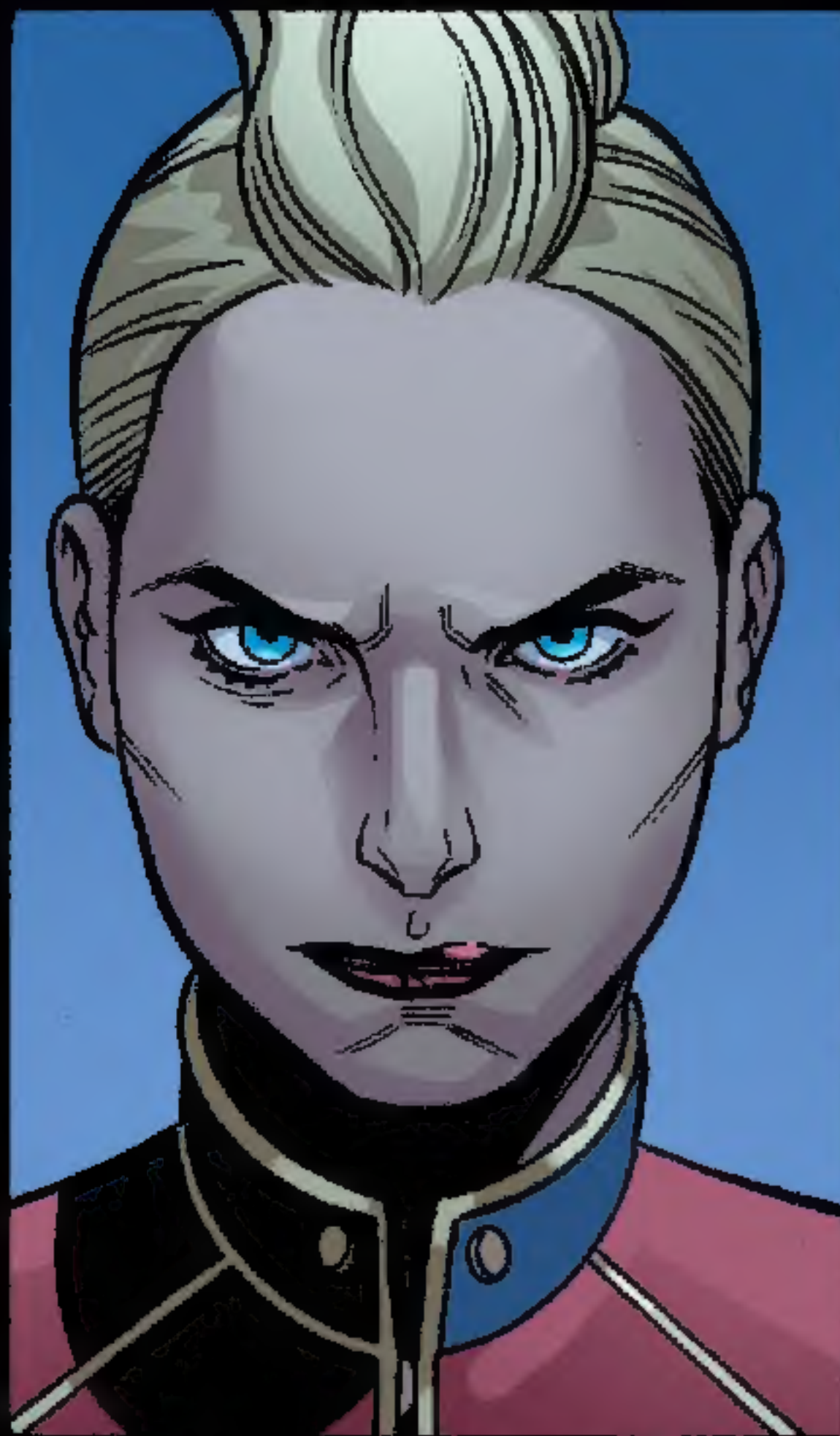
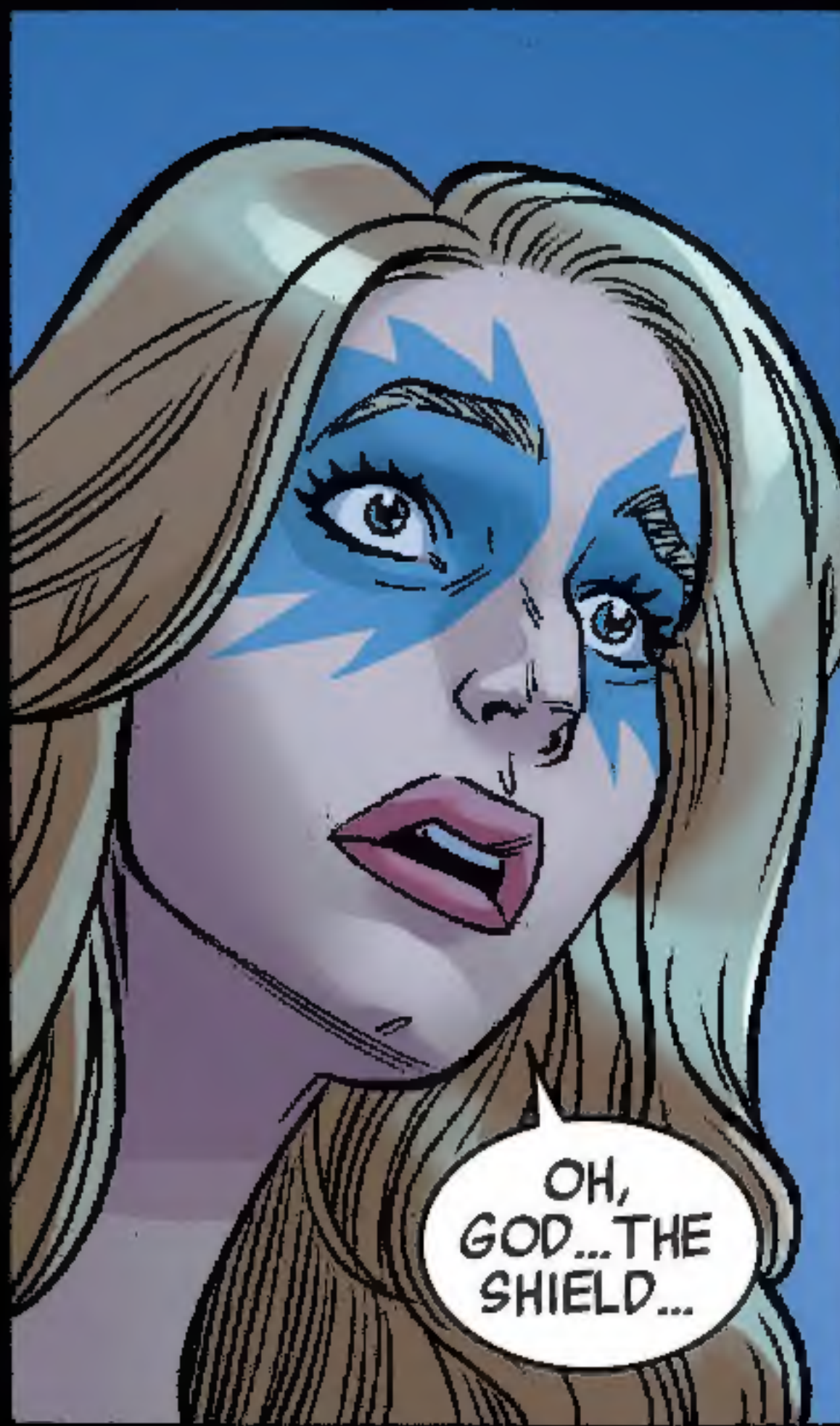




"--THEN I WILL
LEAVE YOU
WITH NOTHING."



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A-FORCE!

FOR WHAT
MAY BE THE
VERY LAST
TIME...

ASSEMBLE!



**TO BE
CONCLUDED!**

